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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 | | | Docket Number (Optional) 2537 (203-2755) | |
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| | pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2 | | | |
| | Number 09/739,428 | Filed December | 18, 2000 | |
| For APPARATUS FOR THERMAL TREATMENT OF AN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC | | | | |
| Art Unit 3739 | | | Examiner Aaron Roane | |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. | | | | |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): | | | | |
| | | <u>Fee</u> | Small Entity Fee | |
| | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 | \$60 | \$ |
| v | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$450 | \$225 | \$ <u>450.00</u> |
| | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020 | \$510 | \$ |
| | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1590 | \$795 | \$ |
| | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2160 | \$1080 | \$ |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | | | |
| A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. | | | | |
| Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. | | | | |
| The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. | | | | |
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| I am the applicant/inventor. | | | | |
| assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96). | | | | |
| attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 34,816 | | | | |
| attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 | | | | |
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| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. | | | | |
| ✓ Total | of 1 forms are | submitted. | | |
| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a) | | | | |

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